Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There need not necessarily be any application.

Appointment—Director of Public Health.

86. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the date on which the Chief Sanitary Officer was appointed ;

(2) the date on which the name of the office was changed into the Director of Public Health ;

(3) the reasons for the above change ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) 16th September 1932.

(2) 25th October 1932.

(3) Because the changed designation "Director of Public Health" is more appropriate than "Chief Sanitary Officer".

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does this change of designation require an enhanced pay also ?

President.—That is a matter of opinion.

Proclamation—Abolishing Theendal.

87. **Mr. M. K. Raman.**—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(1) has the Government placed before His Highness the request of this Council to issue a Royal Proclamation abolishing theendal (or pollution) from the State ;

(2) if so, on what date was the matter first placed by the Government ;

(3) have the Government again brought the subject to the notice of His Highness on any subsequent occasions, if so, when were they ;

(4) what was the reply given by His Highness ;

(5) have the Government brought to the notice of His Highness the weight of the public opinion now prevailing in the country in the matter of the removal of untouchability ;

(6) have they pointed out to His Highness that the subject is now of all-India importance and great political issues are involved in it ;

(7) have they brought to the kind notice of His Highness that Mahatma Gandhi himself has promised to observe fast in respect of the question of opening the temple at Guruvayoor and removing untouchability ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) to (7) Details of correspondence between the Diwan and His Highness the Maharaja cannot be disclosed.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—When was this correspondence placed before His Highness ?

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